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Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield		25X1
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1. [redacted] air activity at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield:
 15 to 29 April. Air activity was light as compared with the preceding period.
 24 April. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., three MiG-15s descended from an altitude of 4,000 to 5,000 meters to 2,000 meters, and, after flying a steep curve at an angle of about 45°, came down to an altitude of 100 meters.
 25 April. At 2:30 p.m., a MiG-15, [redacted] landed.
 27 and 28 April. No aircraft was observed at the airfield. It was observed previously that 6 MiG-15s which were seen landing from the town could not be seen at the airfield half an hour later. Possibly the planes were parked in aircraft revetments.¹
2. In the second half of April, no hangars were observed at the northern edge of the landing field. Therefore [redacted] the hangars previously reported as being available there had not been wooden structures but large tents.²
3. Prior to 24 April, all the swept-back jet fighters stationed at the field took off except for four. Very little flying was done by the remaining four planes.
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1. [redacted] Comment. There were several indications that aircraft of the fighter division in Grossenhain in addition to the alert flight of the fighter division in Merzbach were stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield between 8 March and early April 1953. According to the present report, the aircraft of the fighter division in Grossenhain left the field again which is now occupied by 4 or 6 MiG-15s. [redacted]

2. [redacted]

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